

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
Committee Study Bill Copy

Requested by Representative Dan Villa

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Page E-1, line 4.

Strike: "9,279,343 9,334,442" [general fund FY10 and FY11]

Insert: "9,294,343 9,349,442" [general fund FY10 and FY11]

2. Page E-1, line 4.

Strike: "215,405 215,444" [state special fund FY10 FY11]

Insert: "221,405 221,444" [state special fund FY10 FY11]

3. Page E-5, line 19.

Strike: "2,348,248 2,357,231" [general fund FY10 and FY11]

Insert: "2,333,248 2,342,231" [general fund FY10 and FY11]

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Explanation - This amendment removes \$15,000 general fund in FY 2010 and FY 2011 (\$30,000 for the biennium) from the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education Administration Program and substitutes \$15,000 per year from the Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP) program fees to fund administration of that program, as provided by 20-26-1503, MCA. The MRPIP program is statutorily appropriated and is not budgeted in HB 2.

The freed-up general fund is added to the Office of Public Instruction, Administration Program for payment of additional teacher stipends for Montana teachers who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The payment of the \$3,000 stipend per teacher is required by statute. This amendment adds \$15,000 general fund each year of the biennium (total \$30,000) to the OPI Administration Program.

The amendment also increases state special revenue from the Research Fund of the Board of Public Education by \$6,000 each year of the biennium to support the remaining costs of teacher stipends. The Research Fund currently has a fund balance of \$112,000.